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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION **DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on December 22, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.